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No. 1

CHRIST WALKS WITH ME

Grenville Kleiser

Christ walks with me today,
Christ keeps me all the way;
Christ knows my smallest need,
Christ guides my every deed.

Christ grants me power to do,
Christ makes my words all true;
Christ shows me how to live,
Christ teaches me to give.

Christ solves my darkest doubt,
Christ shuts all evil out;
Christ rules my human will,
Christ bids me, "Peace, be still."

Christ heals my ills and sin,
Christ cleanses me within;
Christ gives me faith for fear,
Christ walks so very near.

Christ fills my life with love,
Christ turns my eyes above;
Christ leads me in the light,
Christ guards me through the night.

No Delay

A SILENT UNITY WORKER

"*Notice: Magazines and mail deliveries are being delayed because of wartime conditions, so please allow extra time for our literature and letters to reach you.*"

WHEN we read this in one of our magazines the thought came to us that while it may take extra time for our literature to reach you, in truth there is no delay, there never can be delay, with God. The moment your heart reaches out for help in prayer, in that moment you are infolded in the infinite love of God. The moment you turn to Silent Unity in need, in that moment we are with you. There is no delay; no, not even for an instant. There may be a shortage of labor and priorities on war materials, but there are no priorities on prayer, no shortage of the help of God.

All day, all night, here in the Silent Unity prayer room someone is keeping the vigil of prayer. Here is a heart in tune with God, a heart that reaches out to you, to all who are in need.

When we in Silent Unity pray, we bless the names of those for whom our prayers have been asked. But not only those whose names are blessed but everyone who is receptive is infolded in the circle of prayer. This is proved by the letters of

hundreds of correspondents who have written to us that their need was met even before their letter reached us.

Prayer is a mystical experience. Prayer is communion: oneness with God, oneness with all who are receptive. A prayer is a wave that radiates outward from the one who prays, infolding in its blessing every heart and mind attuned to it, not here and there but everywhere. Turn to anyone in love and instantly you are one with him. Take one step in your heart toward God and you will find Him there.

More swiftly than light our love and prayers go out to those in need. From the moment your letter reaches us it is infolded in a consciousness of prayer. The worker who opens the envelope gives your request his blessing. Your letter moves through the hands of many workers before our answer is finally put in an envelope and mailed to you. Think of those hands as the hands of prayer outstretched to you; for every worker blesses every letter that he handles. And from our prayer room our special prayers go forth.

There is no delay; no, not even for an instant. Do you need health? The moment you sit down and begin to write for prayers, that moment health begins to flow through you, for you have turned to

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The Will of God

ERNEST C. WILSON

THE PERSISTENT aspirations in the soul of man to express perfection are the most obvious evidence of the true nature of the will of God. This view is supported by Paul's admonition to the Romans: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It is unthinkable that the vision of man should be superior to that of His Creator. Indeed we reasonably perceive that God's will for man transcends the highest vision of the human mind. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

No good thing that the heart and mind of man conceives as an ideal is "too good to be true." God's will for us is always at least as good, almost invariably better, than our own highest human vision of perfection. Life, health, bounty, joy, companionship, peace, the fullness of all good things in a perfection transcending present human conceptions, are His plan for mankind. And His will is undefeatable. Jesus said that He had more things to tell the disciples but that they could not bear

them yet; that is, they could not yet conceive or accept so great a measure of blessing.

Only our spiritual immaturity prevents our full expression of the unsearchable riches of God. As our faith in God grows, as we learn to trust God's will, we prepare an ever-widening, ever-deepening channel through which His blessings can flow.

Consequently, although it is quite true that we can ask for and receive whatsoever forms of good we desire, spiritual wisdom indicates that we should always leave room in our prayers (the expression of our soul's sincere desires) for the larger blessings of His Spirit. In traditional religious thought this is expressed as "complete surrender" to the will of God.

To submit all our desires to the will of God is spiritual wisdom. Yet man's ancient fear that to invoke the will of God is to invite disaster still persists in human thought, and we may find ourselves shrinking as from an unexpected blow when we say, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." An alternative way of saying the same thing, but one that gives definition to our expectancy of good, has been rendered by one Unity teacher in the prayer: "This, O God, is my good as I see it; nevertheless I am willing to accept what in Thy sight is better." "For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God."

Monday

JANUARY 1

I BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH A HAPPY HEART, FOR I KNOW IT HOLDS UNLIMITED GOOD FOR ME.

ARE YOU GOING to make any new-year resolutions? In Silent Unity we think it is a good idea; in fact we set aside a special time at the beginning of every year and write out our new-year resolutions. But our resolutions are affirmative rather than negative; that is, we do not resolve what we are not going to do, we resolve what we are going to do. We do not resolve to be better than we were; we resolve to be as good as we are, spiritually. Whatever it is that we want to resolve for ourselves, we write down, and then seal our resolutions in an envelope to be opened next New Year's Day. Before we begin making new resolutions every year we get out our last year's resolutions and read them over. Often we are surprised to see how our resolutions have formed a pattern for the year.

Why don't you try this plan of sitting down and thinking through and writing out some of your ideals and aspirations? It will help you begin the new year with a new vision of yourself.

• *Look therefore carefully how ye walk.—EPH. 5:15.*

JANUARY 2

Tuesday

ORDER IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN MY MIND,
BODY, AND AFFAIRS. I BEHOLD ORDER, AND
ALL IS ORDERLY.

If I would be healthy I must have order in my body. If I would be wise I must have order in my mind. If I would be prosperous and successful I must have order in my finances and in my business relations. If I would have peace and happiness I must have order in my world. So this day begins a new regime of order for me.

I cease worrying. I cease fearing. I cease from all thought that is out of harmony with the Christ mind. I begin now to order my thoughts aright. I begin now to order my words aright. I begin now to order my actions aright. And I welcome new poise, new peace, new strength, and new plenty. Where there was chaos there is order; where there was darkness there is light.

I recognize and proclaim order for myself and for my household, for all mankind, and for the whole universe. Together all life flows with ease along the orderly path of spiritual unfoldment and Christ perfection.

* *Let all things be done decently and in order.—I COR. 14:40.*

Wednesday

JANUARY 3

WHERE I AM GOD IS, AND HIS GOOD IS BEING
EXPRESSED THROUGH ME.

W^HEVER I AM or whatever I may be called upon to do today, God is with me and He is working through me. Today I am in the presence of God, I am one with all good, and I am unified with the good that belongs to me. Since I cannot be separated from God I cannot be separated from my good. I am now one with whatever I need in order to express harmony, wholeness, completeness.

Realizing that I am at all times in His presence, I am filled with the spirit of courage, and I am reassured, knowing that all is well. God, good, completely controls my life and affairs. I have faith that His good is working through me and with me. I am a clear channel for good as I keep my thoughts calm, loving, and expectant.

I have faith in God's presence within me, within my loved ones wherever they may be, and within all men everywhere. I am thankful for this realization, which establishes me in strength, courage, peace, and perfect harmony.

• *Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?—PSALMS 139:7.*

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JANUARY 4

Thursday

GOD IS MY PERFECT LIFE, MY ABIDING HEALTH.

KNOW YE NOT that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God."

As surely as you really know without a doubt that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of wholeness that you have from God, just so surely will His light of health and wholeness shine undimmed through your body.

Think of every cell in your body, every thought in your mind, as an open window through which the light of God shines in all its healing love and power. If any of the windows seem closed, dimmed, or curtained by thoughts of ignorance, unbelief, inharmony, or disease, let the light shine through by affirming that God is your perfect wisdom, your perfect faith, your perfect peace, your perfect life.

If you have any doubt about your right to health, your expectation of eternal strength and life, declare: I know that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

• *Glorify God therefore in your body.—I COR. 6:20.*

Friday

JANUARY 5

TODAY I SERVE CHRIST THROUGH SERVING MEN.

TO DAY I AM especially alert to bless, in Christ's name, all who seem to need help. Without looking for the negative I am quick to help those who are hard pressed. Looking beyond their apparent human limitations I see their divine, unlimited ability to gain their good. Does a brother seem to lack health? I speak silently to the Christ in him my conviction of the inherent wholeness that is his. Is some friend giving way to a human weakness that obscures his divinity? Knowing that his only true desire is to express the Christ qualities, I affirm this as his true purpose; with spiritual vision I see his desire fulfilled. To those who are worried for the safety of loved ones I send the strong thought that God loves and cares for all His children, whether we can see them or not. I help all who are receptive to my blessing.

Though I do this good work without thought of reward, I know I am rewarded. In blessing others I am blessed.

• *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ?—I COR. 10:16.*

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JANUARY 6

Saturday

I AM A LOVING CHILD OF THE MOST HIGH,
AND I EXPRESS LOVE IN ALL MY RELATIONS
WITH OTHERS.

THIS DAY I dedicate myself and my love to a fuller, more complete expression. I am filled with the love of good. I am conscious of a love that gives strength, courage, liberation, and inspiration. I am free from a love that says of persons, "You belong to me, and I know what is best for you; follow my dictates." I am free from a love of things that says: "This is mine alone; no one else may share it. This thing is my happiness." This personal attachment, this selfishness is not really love at all. Love never grasps, binds, or impairs. Love frees, gives, uplifts.

My love is a far-flung banner indicating to all who are quickened to see the way I would live, the way I would act. I would live in a world filled with good will and with perfect accord; I would act as an emissary of the Christ. Through love my blessings increase. I am a loving child of the Most High, and I express love in all my relations with others. I love; I am loved!

• LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house.
—PSALMS 26:8 (A. V.).

I AM BELOVED OF GOD, AND HE SHOWS ME THE WAY TO PEACE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.

NO MATTER how unimportant our place in life seems to us, to God it is important and necessary. When a person can get the correct perception of himself in relation to God and to his fellow men, he is presented with a very stimulating and challenging picture. He sees that his every thought and action contributes to the progress and happiness of other persons. He sees that as he takes hold and makes the most of the place he is in, he is not only growing and developing and flowering himself but he is furthering the plan of good and happiness that God has for all His children. He sees that each person is where he can gain the most and give the most at that particular time.

It is a joyous thing to know that one person is as beloved and as necessary to God as another, and that He gives equally to all. It is a joyous thing to know that as we grow, develop, and fulfill good purposes where we are, God gives us greater opportunities.

• *He shall strengthen thine heart.*—PSALMS 27:14
(A. V.).

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JANUARY 8

Monday

I AM ALIVE, ALERT, AWAKE, JOYOUS, AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LIFE.

EACH DAY can add new joys, new hopes, and new blessings to your life. Each day can contribute to your happiness and well-being so that your life will continually grow richer and fuller.

Make it your aim each day to seek new ideas for growth and development. Enthusiasm for new ways to do the same tasks, faith in your ability to learn and to progress, will keep you from feeling tired or bored or old. Your interest in life and in living will keep you young and help you to succeed, no matter what your age in years may be. Days, months, and years are important only to the extent that they bring you greater wisdom, deepened understanding and more love and tolerance for your fellow men.

There is satisfaction, joy, success, and abundance for you when your life is full of richness and high endeavor. Add life to your years, and you will have found the secret to the right way of adding years to your life.

• *And thy years shall have no end.—PSALMS 102:27.*

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THE LIGHT OF GOD SURROUNDS YOU; THE LOVE OF GOD INFOLDS YOU; THE POWER OF GOD PROTECTS YOU; THE PRESENCE OF GOD WATCHES OVER YOU. WHEREVER YOU ARE GOD IS.

USE THIS prayer as a blessing for those you love. If you stay at home and send a family off to school and work, send this thought with your dear ones to help each one on his way during the day. If you have someone close to you in the service who is perhaps thousands of miles away, use this prayer to bless him and to give you peace of mind concerning him.

Think of the light of God as the pure intelligence of God that makes all things clear, all ways plain. Think of the love of God as the friendliness of strangers, the helpfulness of friends. Think of the power of God as the strength of mind and fearlessness of soul that insures safety. Think of the presence of God as the invisible Spirit of good that sustains the universe and gives life and happiness to man. Realize that God's Spirit is in man, that wherever man is God is, his defense, his protection, his deliverance.

• *Understanding shall keep thee.—PROV. 2:11.*

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JANUARY 10

Wednesday

I COME TO THEE, O LORD, IN SILENT PRAYER.

WHY SHOULD we be continually striving to have our own way or consulting other persons as to what is best? Is not God in us the wisdom we seek, the love we desire to express, the substance that supplies our needs? If you wish real peace, happiness, health, plenty, learn to talk to God in the silence of your soul. If possible, have certain times daily when you sit alone, close your eyes and ears to external things, and quietly talk to God. This is the way of divine guidance, the way out of trouble, the way to health, happiness, and success.

It is so simple that many will overlook it, it is so easy that many will never practice it, so direct that many will never see it; but it is the way recommended by Jesus, the great Way-Shower, who spent entire nights alone in communion with His Father. Scientific silence is the conscious withdrawing from the external world and dwelling in the mind of God. We need to practice the silence, for practice of the silence makes perfect every detail of our life.

• *My soul, wait thou in silence for God only.—PSALMS 62:5.*

Thursday

JANUARY 11

MY WORK IS MY GIFT TO GOD AND TO HIS CHILDREN, AND I CONSECRATE IT TO THE GOOD OF ALL.

GOD'S CREATION is His handiwork, His gift to us, His children, that we may enjoy it and enrich our lives from it. This work before me is my handiwork, my gift to God and His children, and I consecrate it to the good of all.

When I think of my work as my gift to God and to His children it becomes a joy and can only bring forth more of good for me and for all who are to benefit from this service. I bless my hands in whatsoever work they are doing so that they may perform it with love and skill. I bless my mind which guides these hands so that it may give intelligence and purpose to my labor. I bless the hours devoted to daily service so that they may be profitable to God and man. I serve with joy in my heart, and I know that my work bears the blessing of God.

I would that my work might be like a beautiful prayer. I would that it might be a helpful service to man, a living tribute to God.

* *Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the word of the Lord.—I COR. 15:58.*

JANUARY 12

Friday

GOD'S LOVE AND FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING ARE NOW EXPRESSED IN ME AND THROUGH ME.

AT NO TIME has the need for love and faith and understanding been so great throughout the world as it is now, when conditions necessitate so much change in the affairs of individuals and families, when there is an undercurrent of uncertainty and uneasiness in many persons' minds.

We, every one, may be sure that God is with us to help us and to guide us day by day. He is with us to give us poise and an understanding heart that will see us and our loved ones safely and successfully through any experience. His love and grace are with us to help us make adjustments easily, to help us keep patient and trustful, to help us weather the war and come through this time stronger in Truth than before. Our faith in God, our vision of His goodness at work in the world and in individual lives, will radiate a blessing that will help in the construction of a new way of life for all the peoples of the earth.

• *Thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.—PSALMS 3:3 (A. V.).*

FOR FREEDOM DID CHRIST SET ME FREE.

FOR FREEDOM has Christ set you free, but you must claim your spiritual freedom in order to experience the benefits of His freedom.

Christ is in you. In the silence you gain direct inspiration from His Spirit within you, and you are inspired by His freeing thought. Your mind is illumined and made wise and alive. You are freed from the bondage of old ideas and set opinions that would limit you. Your understanding of God as your life, light, substance, peace, and power is quickened.

Christ is in you. By direct contact with His all-powerful Spirit you are freed from physical sickness, weakness, or limitation in any form. No condition of disease, error, habit, or handicap can overpower you when you fully accept the freedom of Spirit with which Christ has set you free.

Christ is in you. By direct action through you He sets you free from any thought or feeling of bondage in your work, affairs, or world. You are no longer a slave to circumstance. You are free!

• *For freedom did Christ set us free . . . be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.—GAL. 5:1.*

JANUARY 14

Sunday

I FACE MYSELF IN CHRIST AND REALIZE THAT HIS SPIRIT IN ME IS MIGHTY TO TRANSFORM AND BLESS MY LIFE.

HAVE YOU ever asked yourself, What is the cause of my trouble? When we ask ourselves why, it is because we have come to the place where we can begin to see that we, through our thoughts and words and acts, have had a part in making our life what it is.

In Unity we believe that when you come to the place where you want to know why certain conditions are in your life, the thing to do is to realize that conditions are effects, not causes; that the cause of any inharmony is first of all in mind; likewise that the way out of all inharmony is in the mind, that is, in a change of thought. We believe that rather than going back over your life and trying to trace causes when the whys come up, a more helpful procedure is to realize that, whatever the cause, you have the power to change your thinking through realizing the Christ within. And through His love and grace you are set free from the past, free to go forward into a new and happier way of life.

• *I will arise and go to my father.—LUKE 15:18.*



CANDLE-DIPPING

CLARA BELL THURSTON

*A candle's but a simple thing;
It starts with just a bit of string.
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand
Until, complete and snowy white,
It gives at last a lovely light.*

*Life seems so like that bit of string:
Each deed we do a simple thing;
Yet day by day if on life's strand
We work with patient heart and hand,
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,
And gives at last a lovely light.*



THE JOY OF THE LORD FILLS ME NOW.

EVEN AS YOU speak these words, "The joy of the Lord fills me now," you may know that someone in Silent Unity is praying with you, giving thanks that the joy of the Lord is made full in you.

Joy is one of the most blessed of all the Christ gifts. His joy includes the joy of perfect health, wealth, love, and understanding. Without joy, none of these is ever experienced in its fullness.

So long as a single unhappy heart remains the joy of Jesus Christ is not made full in the world; His love has not been completely accepted, His faith is not being perfectly used, His healing, comforting, uplifting power is not being freely utilized. Very definitely joy is given a large place in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Very definitely His joy should find a warm welcome in, a clear outlet through, every life.

Think of the joy of the healed, the freed, the forgiven, the blessed, the loved! Such is the joy of Christ in you. Such is the completeness of your joy in Him.

• *Break forth into joy, sing together.—ISA. 52:7, 9.*

JANUARY 16

Tuesday

DIVINE ORDER AND HARMONY ARE NOW ESTABLISHED IN THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF MEN, AND IN THE HEAVENS AND IN THE EARTH.

THIS IS A prayer that we use daily in Silent Unity to bless ourselves, the people we live with, and the world we live in. It is a prayer that we should like you to use too, for we believe that constant and united affirmation of the Truth about God's divine order and harmony is a way to help and transform persons, places, and conditions.

When you affirm that divine order and harmony are now established in the minds and hearts of men and in the heavens and in the earth, you are affirming your faith that divine order and harmony are the natural state of the mind and heart, the natural state of the natural world. Through such an affirmation you help mankind return again to the thoughts and ways of peace, you help to free the heavens and the earth from destructive elements. And the time to affirm a Truth like this is when divine order and harmony seem least apparent in men or in the world.

• *Great and marvellous are thy works.—REV. 15:3.*

Wednesday

JANUARY 17

PEACE IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE WORLD
THROUGH THE UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE
OF JESUS CHRIST.

DO YOU EVER think about your part in building a world at peace? Do you ever ask yourself, "What am I doing to create such a way of life?"

A world at peace cannot be built with anything less than the highest in man—love and understanding. Just as every piece of timber, every brick, every nail in a house must be strong and dependable in order to insure against weakness at any point, so must each individual in the world learn to understand his brother and to give him love if he wishes to insure a permanent peace.

If every person would direct his every thought and action toward the maintenance of peace and harmony in the circle of his world he would be making a real contribution to world-wide peace and harmony. The thoughts and actions of the people of the world have made wars and the thoughts and actions of the people of the world must make the peace.

• *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.—COL. 3:15.*

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JANUARY 18

Thursday

I AM FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE ALL DAY LONG.

THIS IS A new day. It has never existed before, it has never been lived before, it is mine! This day comes to me laden with new gifts from the Father of light; new gifts of opportunity, strength, understanding, vision, joy, peace, love, life, and substance. And the Giver accompanies each gift. There is no separation, for God and I are one.

I am grateful for this new day; I am grateful for the Giver and the gifts. Should the shadows of yesterday, the old worries, mistakes, or fears, the old resentments or inhibitions creep into mind or heart on this new day, I will dismiss them with a new song: "I am filled with God's love all day long." No matter what difficulty arises during the day, I will meet it with this thought; I will use this thought to bless my loved ones, my companions, the passer-by, even the person who seems to try my soul. As I think it, sing it, feel it, live it, today will be a wonderful day, filled with God's love all day long.

* *We know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do his commandments.—I JOHN 5:2.*

Friday

JANUARY 19

MY MIND AND HEART ARE RECEPTIVE TO GOD'S BLESSINGS.

LIFE PRESENTS experiences of various kinds. Our reaction to them determines whether they shall bring inharmony or blessings, and whether we shall be overcome by them or shall gain the mastery.

Meeting our experiences with love, wisdom, and understanding helps us to react to them in such a manner that they prove to be stepping-stones toward further growth and unfoldment. If we are in need of greater blessings and if we would enjoy the goodness of God now, we must lift up our thoughts and behold Him as omnipresent good.

We must increase our faith in God and prepare our mental attitude to receive the spiritual blessing that each experience brings. This is accomplished by knowing that our present need is fulfilled now and that today's experiences bring a rich outpouring of God's good. Faith in God and communion with Him keep us receptive to blessings.

* *My heart bath had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.—ECCLES: 1:16.*

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JANUARY 20

Saturday

I PRESS FORWARD IN THE LIGHT AND COURAGE OF DIVINE FAITH, AND I AM SURE OF MY GUIDANCE.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

THERE IS WITHIN us an insistent urge to go forward, to seek higher and better and more enduring things. Someone has called it "divine discontent," because it will not let us be content with things as they are. Momently it cries to us: "Go on! Do not linger where you are. There are greater things than you have ever dreamed of in store for you. Go on! Go on!"

Humanly it is pleasant to linger where we have achieved a measure of contentment, but if we disobey the urge to go forward we shall soon find that our spiritual progress has ceased, and the things that we once found pleasant and enjoyable are now worthless and bitter.

God's divine Spirit in us bids us press forward now. His mighty Spirit makes our faith strong and steadfast. His eternal light shines in us and through us, making our way clear and plain. God, the everlasting Father, is our guide, our strength, our help in every need.

• *Jehovah . . . maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters.—Isa. 43:16.*

Sunday

JANUARY 21

FORGETTING THE THINGS THAT ARE BEHIND,
I PRESS FORWARD TO THE GOAL OF THE HIGH
CALLING AND RESTORATION IN CHRIST JE-
SUS.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

WHILE THE YEAR is yet new let us make for ourselves a high resolve, namely, that no more will we give thought to the ills that have afflicted us in the past; that we will press forward with courage and assurance to the realization of perfect restoration and health that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Whatever may have happened to us in the past need no longer burden us. We can loose it and let it go, into the loving care of the Christ. From this moment forth let us look to Him, the light of the world, for peace and joy and healing. By casting from our mind every vestige of fear, grief, hatred, or other negative ideas that might be called the thought children of darkness, we make room for the gay, joyous children of light that we call by the names of faith, love, wisdom, courage, and strength, and they come in to abide with us.

• *I press on toward the goal . . . of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—PHIL. 3:14.*

JANUARY 22

Monday

THROUGH CHRIST THE CONSTRUCTIVE POWER OF DIVINE LOVE IS EXPRESSED IN ME, AND I MANIFEST PROSPERITY.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

IT HAS BEEN said that when the heart is rich toward God, life is indeed plenteous. This is a true statement of what we may call the law of prosperity, for the degree of abundance that we manifest in our life is directly dependent upon how rich we feel in our heart.

Of all the riches of the inner realm, love is the greatest, the most enduring. Love is the divine quality of being that knows no lack, for it expresses itself in an abundant outpouring of all that is good, true, and lasting.

God so loved the world that He gave His Son, the Christ, in whom divine love reached its pinnacle of expression. Through Jesus the Christ in His ministry among men were made manifest the mighty words of the Father's love, healing and restoration and abundance to meet every need. Through the Christ that dwells in us this same love is now expressed; and we have abundance and more to meet every need of body, mind, and spirit.

• *In him were all things created.—COL. 1:16.*

Tuesday

JANUARY 23

I TRUST IN THE LORD TO ORDER MY STEPS.

I TRUST IN the Lord to inspire me so that I may do good in my life. I know that communion with Him brings the right answers to me so that blessings come to me and to others through me. Through trust life is made joyous and full of light for me, and my way is indeed delightful.

Even though I pass through a dark night, He orders my steps along a path of starlight so that I can see; and in my heart there is peace and faith.

Even though I pass through a day of storm, I know that He orders my steps so that I pass safely through the arc of the rainbow and know the gentleness that comes when tears and joy have met and His blessing has brought peace to the turmoil.

I will trust in the Lord to order my steps. I know that His way is the way of goodness and beauty, of service and love. Trusting Him always, I will find a light in the darkest night and quietness in the storm. Trusting Him always, I will keep a happy heart.

• *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.—PSALMS 37:23.*

JANUARY 24

Wednesday

I TRUST IN GOD FOR THE GOOD THAT IS MINE.

I KNOW THAT God will bring my good to me. I have only to ask in order to receive. I know that He sees all my good, and I will trust Him now for that which is for my immediate blessing.

I will trust Him in faith and with patience, knowing that His divine order is at work in my life, bringing only the best to me in the right way and at the right time.

With heartfelt gladness I will enjoy the blessings of this moment. The ordinary things of life take on new beauty and greater loveliness through my enjoyment of them, and appreciation enhances and multiplies the blessings already before me.

In turning to God I see more clearly His pattern of goodness. I see that I have only to claim my good in order to bring it forth. I know that He never withholds any blessing from me. He only waits for me to grow in understanding and in consciousness until I claim my own. I turn to Him in full trust and receive that which is mine.

• *Yea, Jebovah will give that which is good.—PSALMS 85:12.*

Thursday

JANUARY 25

GOD'S JUSTICE IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN ME
AND IN ALL MY AFFAIRS.

GOD IS A just God, and His law of justice does prevail. As you become firmly established in this belief you will no longer feel that you can be unjustly dealt with, nor will you have any desire to try to deal unjustly with others. If you have felt that someone else has taken or is trying to take what rightfully belongs to you, free your mind of all thoughts of resentment and bless the situation, saying, "God's justice is now being established."

God's will for you is all good, and no one can keep your good from you when you cease to give any power to the belief in injustice. If at any time you are faced with an appearance of conflict between God's law of justice and man-made law, put your whole trust in God. Keeping your vision steadfastly turned toward Him puts His law into operation in your affairs, and whatever the appearance, His justice will prevail, and harmony and peace will be established in you and in all your affairs.

• *I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.—JOHN 8:50.*

JANUARY 26

Friday

THE FORGIVING LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST IS EXPRESSED IN AND THROUGH ME.

WHEN WE USE the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." When we use these words sincerely and thoughtfully we see that our own claim to forgiveness depends upon our forgiveness of others. So we must forgive freely and fully in order to allow the Christ love to express through us.

Have you been harboring thoughts of remorse and self-condemnation for some past mistake? Is there resentment and condemnation in your heart for someone that you may feel has wronged you? Then resolve today to let go of these thoughts and replace them with love and good will toward everyone. Whenever the memory of some past offense or offender comes into your mind say, "I freely forgive myself and all men." Soon you will find that all bitterness and resentment has disappeared and you will experience a wonderful feeling of joy and freedom. You will find new happiness, and the very blessing you most desire may be released in your life.

* *But there is forgiveness with thee.—PSALMS 130:4.*

I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN YOU.

HOW CAN WE help persons who seem to be wasting their life, their energies, in worthless pursuits? How can we help persons who seem to us to be going down?

Paradoxical as it may seem, the way to help other persons is to change our own thought. In Unity we take as our basic principle the truth that God is good and God is all. We believe that His Spirit, the Christ Spirit, is in man, in every man, and that regardless of appearances or experiences, every soul is really seeking God.

So in helping another person to a better way of life our part is to keep faith in the truth that there is a Spirit in him, the Christ Spirit, which though it may seem submerged is his steady, strong, and certain guide. Our realization of this about him is our prayer for him, and a prayer like this can have a transforming effect. For as much as you would like to see him strong and fine and free, in his Christ nature he wants it even more, and your faith and prayers help to strengthen and uplift him.

• *I pray for them.—JOHN 17:9.*

JANUARY 28

Sunday

I STEADFASTLY REALIZE THAT MY ENVIRONMENT IS GOD, THE GOOD.

ARE YOU dissatisfied with your present environment, your home, your position, your associates? It is within your power to change your way of life. The way to do this is to realize first of all that your true environment is God, the good. When your mind and heart are filled with the realization that in God you live and move and have your being, you will exchange your feeling of dissatisfaction for a feeling of love and well-being. And if changes are needed in the outer they will follow naturally the change of thought within.

Begin today to see good in your surroundings, in your family, in your friends and associates. If you have an inharmonious condition to meet, meet it first of all in consciousness by affirming the presence and power of God in everything, in everyone. Hold steadfastly to the belief that good alone has power in your life and that you live in Him.

• *But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—MATT. 6:33.*

JANUARY 29

Monday

I TURN TO GOD FOR PEACE AND COMFORT,
AND HE SUSTAINS AND STRENGTHENS ME.

SOMETIMES experiences may come to us that to human sense seem difficult to meet. Our way appears dark before us, and we reach out for a greater strength to sustain us in our hour of trial. How wonderful it is, at these times, to know that God's infinite love ever infolds us, that His strength and comfort are mighty to uphold us and to bring us through to new peace and serenity of spirit.

The promise is "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and this is our refuge in time of trouble. When we turn to Him in faith, believing, He gives us poise and courage to meet every experience. His light shines steadily and will dispel all darkness and heaviness and illumine our mind and heart. Nothing can separate us from His love, and when we abide in Him He will truly restore our soul and bring us the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding."

*Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,
According to thy word.*

—PSALMS 119:76.

JANUARY 30

*Tuesday*I GIVE THANKS FOR THE LESSONS THAT I
LEARN FROM ALL MEN.

AGREAT teacher has said, "I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind." Have you ever considered how very much you have learned from those whom you may have disliked most during your lifetime? We can surely say of all men, These are my teachers.

We can be grateful to every person whose life has ever touched ours, even the one we have thought to be against us. For in the eternal struggle that human beings make to live together peaceably, to understand one another, are to be learned some of life's greatest lessons. As children in school we are taught to learn by precept and example, we are taught to learn by discernment and judgment; and as adults we keep on learning. Our textbook is life itself; our teachers are everywhere. For God, the principle of good, is the solution to every problem, and He lives in every man, He permeates every living thing. Remembering this, we always arrive at right answers.

• Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
—ROM. 12:21.

THERE IS BUT ONE PRESENCE AND POWER,
GOD, THE GOOD.

ONE OF THE first things we learn in Truth is that there is nothing but good and such knowledge comforts our heart and lifts our spirit. However when we come face to face with a problem, say, an illness, a seeming material lack, a quarrelsome neighbor, or an inharmonious situation in our home, we feel that this cannot be called good; so our hearts are troubled and our spirits sink.

If at such a time we could hold firmly to this first premise that there is only good, what revelations we should receive, what soul growth we should make, and to what heights of thanksgiving our heart would soar! Regardless of how trying a problem may seem, it is always an opportunity actually to experience the presence of God ever with us to heal, to prosper, to bless, and to harmonize.

Everything that comes to us is somehow for our good—to teach us, to lead us, to lift us up. If we will but remember this we shall reap blessings from every experience.

◆ *God meant it for good.—GEN. 50:20.*

No Delay

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God, the source of health.

Do you need supply? Guidance? New work? Help in your present work? Know that the moment you begin to seek you begin to find; for the source of all supply is within you.

Do you feel alone and in need of guidance and assurance in regard to some problem of the heart? There is an open door in your heart—the door of prayer—through which you may step into the presence of love itself. In loving prayer is the solution of every human complication.

Are you far from a loved one who may be in danger? In Truth you are not far from him; no further than your heart. You can infold him in your consciousness of the protecting presence of God.

There is no delay; no, not even for an instant. "Before they call, I will answer." Turn in your mind to Silent Unity and the outstretched hands of prayer are there for you to grasp and to steady yourself by. Turn in your mind to God and the flow of good begins.

In the darkest night there is a light in Silent Unity. Someone is at prayer there. Those prayers go out for you.

Your Greatest Resource—Faith

Roger W. Babson, national authority on business questions, says: "The greatest of undeveloped resources is faith."

No matter what your present need may be, you have within you the power to draw upon your greatest resource: faith. You are a child of God, and He has promised you, "According to your faith be it done unto you."

The Unity Prosperity Bank plan is based upon the premise that the power of prayer enables one to put one's faith into action, and Unity students everywhere have demonstrated true prosperity through their practice of the Bank drill. If you would like to learn more about contacting this resource within you, send for a Bank and use the accompanying prayer drill. At the same time Silent Unity prays daily with you for your success. When you have completed the drill, the substance you have blessed may be used to send DAILY WORD to your friends. In this way you have the opportunity of sending Truth into the lives of others.

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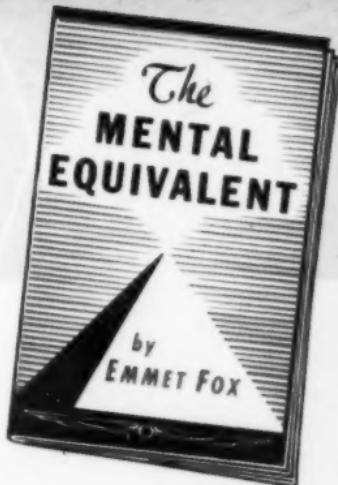
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During one of Emmet Fox's visits to Unity headquarters he gave a series of lectures entitled "The Mental Equivalent." In these lectures he presented Truth in such a dynamic, positive manner that every Unity worker experienced a new zest for living and serving.

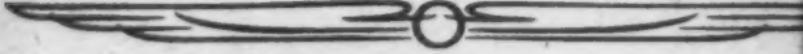
"These lectures should be published" was the unanimous opinion of all who heard them. Weekly Unity published the lectures as a series of articles under the title "The Mental Equivalent." Soon our subscribers began writing for extra copies of the Weekly Unity issues in which "The Mental Equivalent" appeared. At the same time they asked, "Couldn't you publish these articles in booklet form?"

When we announced that "The Mental Equivalent" was available in booklet form, we received a very gratifying response. Countless orders were for several copies to be distributed to persons who knew little or nothing about Truth. Many subscribers now add this comment to each order: "And send me some more copies of The Mental Equivalent. I have found that it is a splendid way to introduce the Unity teachings to my friends."

The Mental Equivalent has been and continues to be a real help to thousands of persons in demonstrating success in their affairs. The price is 10 cents each, or twelve copies for \$1. At this price you can order several copies and thus help send the Truth message into the lives of others. A convenient mailing envelope (requiring only 1 cent postage) is included with each booklet.



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CHE BIBLE in our cover picture for this month is opened to the 1st chapter of John, which begins, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

All over this land and in lands across the sea the beginning of a new day means Daily Word to thousands of persons. Happy hearts, troubled hearts turn to a small page for a big idea. We cannot help but feel that the very heart of the world is strengthened because you begin your day with a word of prayer.

Daily Word is your word that is "with" God. How good it is to have a word with God, a talk with God, a silence with God in the quiet of the morning hours to prepare you for the day ahead. God is in your prayers, God is your prayers, for it is His Spirit in you that inspires you to lift your vision, renew your hope, keep faith in the Truth. God is your daily word, for He is the highest thoughts you think, the bravest dreams you dream. He is the inspiration, the uplift, the joy that you feel. He is the life that is the light of men.

The word, the Book, the globe in our picture tells a story that Daily Word readers understand. For from everywhere you write to us how prayer is helping you, and you tell us too of your prayers for the world. We see your faith, your love, your prayers encircling the globe, bringing light into darkness, bringing peace out of chaos, bringing faith and hope and courage to a world where the lights are going on again. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness."

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